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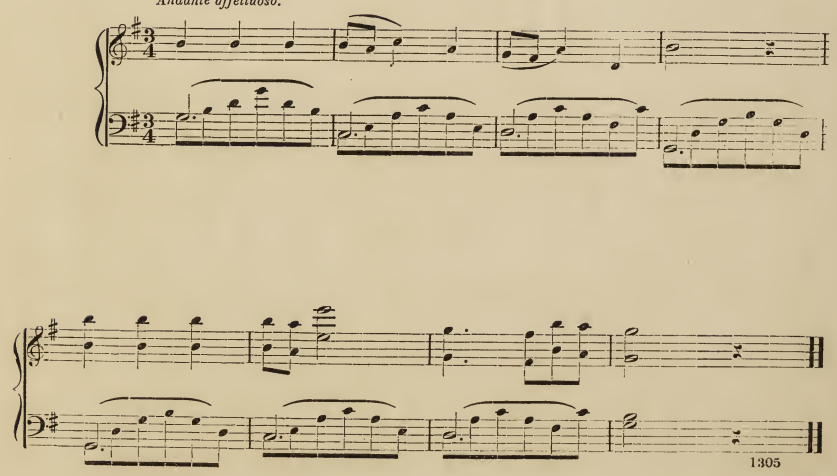

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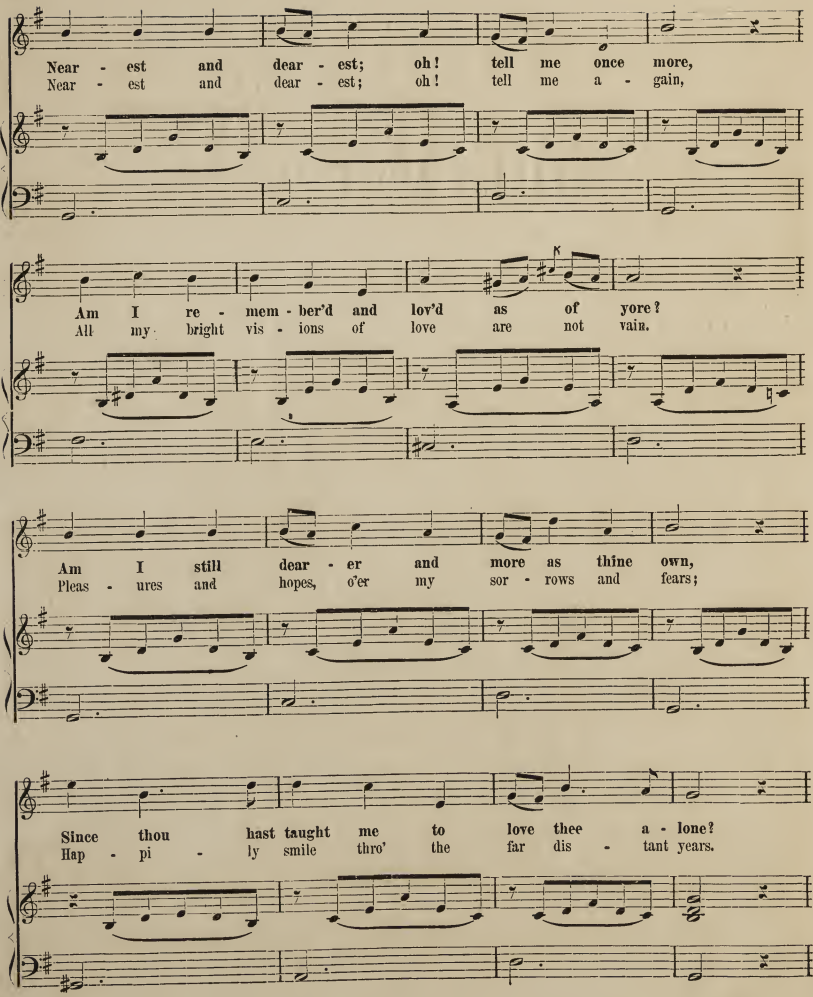
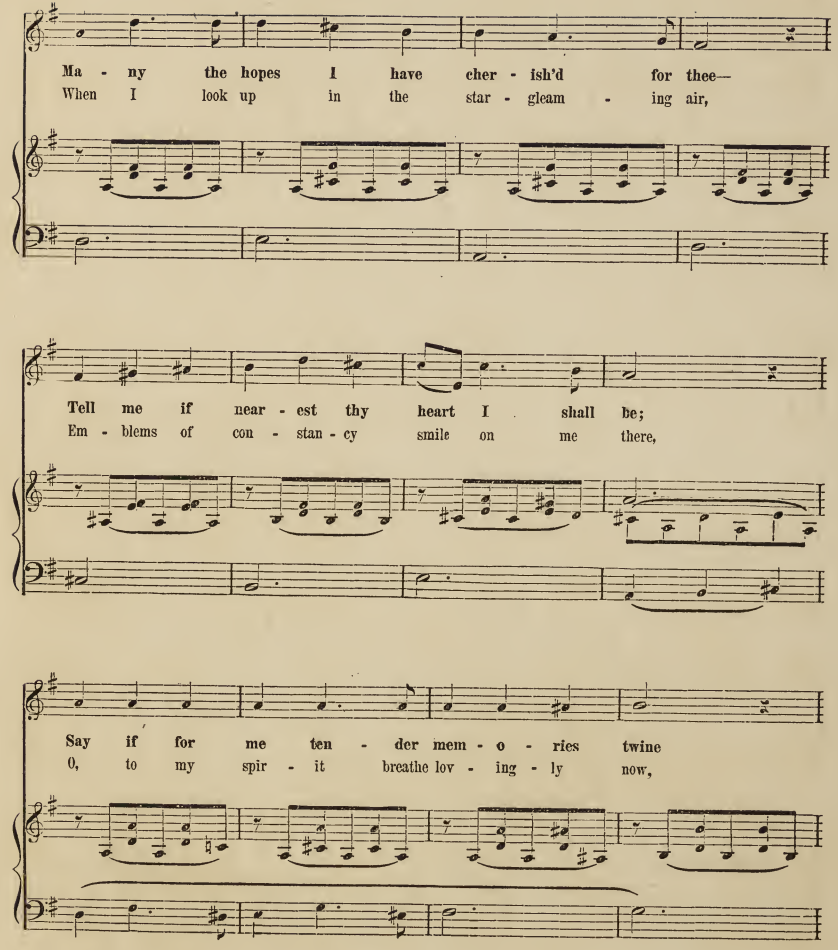
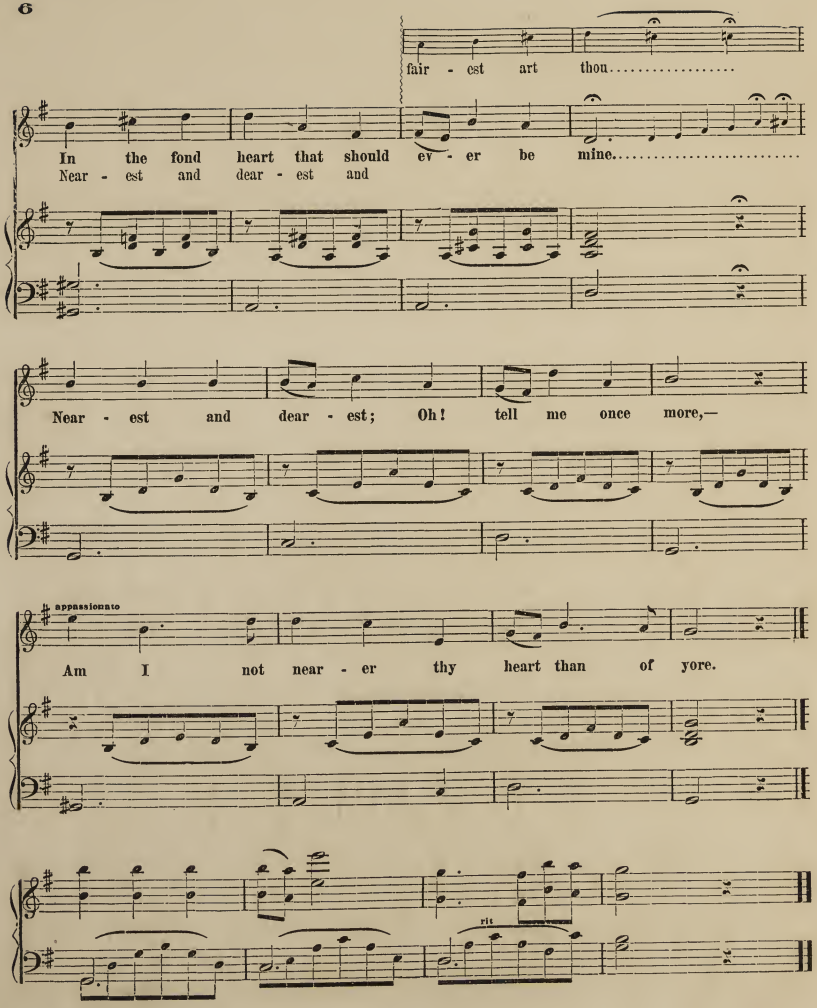

Near - est and dear - est; oh! tell me once more,
Near - est and dear - est; oh! tell me a - gain,
Am I re - mem - ber'd and lov'd as of yore?
All my bright vis - ions of love are not vain.
Am I still dear - er and more as thine own,
Pleas - ures and hopes, o'er my sor - rows and fears;
Since thou hast taught me to love thee a - lone?
Hap - pi - ly smile thro' the far dis - tant years.


Ma - ny the hopes I have cher - ish'd for thee—
When I look up in the star - gleam - ing air,
Tell me if near - est thy heart I shall be;
Em - blems of con - stan - cy smile on me there,
Say if for me ten - der mem - o - ries twine
O, to my spir - it breathe lov - ing - ly now,


fair - est art thou.....
In the fond heart that should ev - er be mine.....
Near - est and dear - est and
Near - est and dear - est; Oh! tell me once more,—
appassionato
Am I not near - er thy heart than of yore.
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